

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A fixation device for fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device comprising:

(a) a shaft having a head and a longitudinal axis;

(b) a first external screw thread on said head;

(c) a first screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis;

(d) a first internal screw thread on said first screw portion for engaging said first external screw thread, to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing said first screw portion over said head; and

(e) a second screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis independently of said first screw portion;

wherein the first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread having a direction opposite to said first external screw thread on said head, and said external screw thread configured with said first and second screw portions to engage a bore formed in the first and second members thereby fixing the relative position of the first and second members.

2. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, further comprising a lock nut having a second internal screw thread corresponding with said first external screw thread, and configured to maintain the position of said second screw portion on said shaft.
3. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, wherein said first external screw thread has a leading end and a trailing end and said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.
4. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, wherein said first internal screw thread for engaging said first external thread on said head and has a leading end and a trailing end, and said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.
5. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, wherein said second screw portion is integral with said shaft.
6. through 11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, wherein said shaft is flexible.
13. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second members are bone.
14. (Previously presented) The fixation device according to

claim 1, further comprising a retaining screw for engaging said head, thereby retaining the fixation device within said bore, wherein said bore is threaded.

15. (Previously presented) A method of fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the method including the steps of:

- (a) assembling a fixation device, said fixation device comprising:
 - (i) a shaft with a head and a longitudinal axis;
 - (ii) an external screw thread on said head;
 - (iii) a first screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis;
 - (iv) an internal screw thread on said first screw portion for engaging said external screw thread;
 - (v) a second screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis independently of said first screw portion; and
 - (vi) a first external screw thread on the first screw portion and a second external screw thread on the second screw portions, wherein said first and second external threads are configured in a direction opposite to the direction of said external thread and adapted to engage a threaded bore in the first and second members; wherein assembly of the fixation device includes screwing said first screw portion over said head;
- (b) forming said threaded bore in the first and second members;
- (c) introducing the assembled fixation device into said threaded bore;
- (d) operating the fixation device so that at least one of

said first or second screw portions rotates relative to said threaded bore thereby engaging and positioning the first member relative to the second member, and

- (e) locking the fixation device in position.

16. (New) A fixation device for arranging a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device comprising:

- (a) a longitudinal shaft having a head and a longitudinal axis;
- (b) a first screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis; and
- (c) a second screw portion rotatable about said longitudinal axis independently of said first screw portion,

wherein said first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread having a first thread direction and configured to engage a bore formed in the first and second members.

17. (New) A fixation device according to claim 16, wherein:

- (a) said first screw portion is a collar screw;
- (b) said longitudinal shaft includes a first external screw thread; and
- (c) said second screw portion includes a first internal screw thread corresponding to said first external screw thread on said longitudinal shaft,

wherein assembly of the fixation device includes passing said longitudinal shaft through a centre of said collar screw prior to threadedly engaging said second screw portion on said longitudinal shaft.

18. (New) The fixation device of claim 17, further comprising a lock nut having a second internal screw thread corresponding with said first external screw thread on said longitudinal shaft, said lock nut maintaining a position of said second screw portion on said longitudinal shaft.

19. (New) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said first screw portion is a collar screw with an opening along its length for receiving a length of said longitudinal shaft.

20. (New) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said head includes a second external screw thread in a second thread direction, and wherein said first screw portion includes a third internal screw thread corresponding to said second external screw thread to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing said first screw portion over said head.

21. (New) The fixation device of claim 20, wherein said second external screw thread on the head has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

22. (New) The fixation device of claim 20, wherein said third internal screw thread has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

23. (New) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said longitudinal shaft is flexible.

24. (New) The fixation device of claim 16, wherein said external screw thread of said first and second screw portions are configured to engage the bore when the first and second members are bone.

25. (New) The fixation device according to claim 16, further comprising a retaining screw configured to engage said head thereby retaining the fixation device within said bore.